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1. ON MARCH 10, DAY AFTER CHARGE'S MEETING WITH MANMOHAN SINGH (REFTEL), ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WAS SUMMONED TO OFFICE OF S.V.S. JUNEJA, JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY TO FINANCE. JUNEJA STARTED DISCUSSION BY REFERRING TO PREVIOUS DAY'S FORMAL TALKS AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING ADDITIONAL THAT COULD BE ADDED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS WITH HIM. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT CHARGE HAD BEEN OPEN AND FRANK IN HIS PRESENTATION TO MANMOHAN SINGH AND THAT, IN FACT, HE HAD LAID OUT ALL THAT WE KNEW HERE. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THEN WENT OVER SOME OF THE SAME GROUND COVERED BY CHARGE, EMPHASIZING THAT US ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE A CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT COURSE WE WERE FOLLOWING WAS THE BEST WAY TO GET CONGRESS TO APPROVE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR REPLENISHMENT THAT US WAS SEEKING.

2. JUNEJA ALSO COVERED MUCH OF THE SAME GROUND PRESENTED
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BY MANMOHAN SINGH THE DAY BEFORE. THERE WERE TWO POINTS, HOWEVER, WHICH HE OBVIOUSLY WISHED TO PUT ACROSS, EMPHASIZING THAT IT WAS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. THE FIRST WAS THAT "THEY" (CHICK JUNEJA DID NOT IDENTIFY BUT APPARENTLY MEANT THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP) HAD ASKED GOI OFFICIALS IF THE AMERICANS HAD NOT BEEN MADE AWARE THAT FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF INDIA HAD HAD A CONSCIOUS

DELIBERATE POLICY TO MEND ITS FENCES WITH AMERICAN AND TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP. IF THE OFFICIALS HAD DONE SO, THEN WHY, "THEY" ASKED, WAS THE FIRST ACTION TAKEN BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON TOWARD INDIA "THIS". JUNEJA ADDED TO THIS THAT EVERYONE WAS VERY UPSET OVER THESE DEVELOPMENTS. HE UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICAL REALITIES AND THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION WAS TRYING TO GET A FULL CONTRIBUTION TO IDA REPLENISHMENT, BUT HE ASKED WAS THERE NO OTHER WAY THEN TO POINT TO INDIA.

3. ON THE SECOND POINT, THE GOI, HE SAID, BELIEVED THAT THE ISSUE OF COUNTRY SHARES OF IDA LOANS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONSIDERED IN VIENNA BY DONOR COUNTRIES. PURPOSE OF MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS WAS TO ISOLATE POLITICS FROM SUCH DECISIONS. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR REPLIED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW SPECIFICS OF PROPOSAL US WOULD MAKE IN VIENNA MEETING BEYOND WHAT WAS DESCRIBED THE DAY BEFORE. JUNEJA THEN ADDED THAT THE FIRST PREFERENCE OF THE GOI WAS THAT THIS ISSUE NOT BE DISCUSSED AT VIENNA. IF, HOWEVER, US FELT COMPELLED TO DO SO, THEN AS A SECOND PREFERENCE THE GOI HOPED THAT A PROPOSAL FOR COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A REQUEST TO IDA TO REVIEW COUNTRY SHARES, AND THAT THE MATTER NOT BE PREJUDGED BY DONORS AT DONOR MEETING. INDIA FELT IT COULD MAKE A GOOD CASE FOR ITSELF IN THAT FORUM AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE RESULTS WOULD SHOW A CONTINUED NEED FOR INDIA TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT SHARE. IN ANY EVENT, THE GOI WOULD ACCEPT THE DECISION MADE BY THE IDA MANAGEMENT.

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4. THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ASKED JUNEJA IF HE WISHED THESE VIEWS TO BE RELAYED TO WASHINGTON ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, TO WHICH JUNEJA AGREED.

5. FYI - EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES THAT MOF HAS BEEN CALLING IN THEIR AMBASSADORS INDIVIDUALLY ON IDA V ISSUE. WE ASSUME THAT THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO SUPPORT THE GOI POSITION DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 ABOVE.
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